



## LIVERPOOL PLAINS SHIRE COUNCIL KEEPING OF ANIMALS IN URBAN AREAS POLICY

Version	Date	Resolution No	Details
1	20 December 2006	10704	New Policy
2	23 October 2013	919	Legislation and Best Practice
3	28 August 2019	3351	Policy Review

### POLICY OBJECTIVE

The objective of this policy is to:

- ▶ Establish guidelines for the keeping of animals in the towns and villages of Liverpool Plains Shire.

### RELEVANT LEGISLATION

Companion Animals Act 1998  
Environmental Planning and Assessment Act 1979  
Local Government Act 1993  
Protection of the Environment Operations Act 1997  
Public Health Act 2012

### EFFECTIVE DATE AND POLICY REVIEW

The policy shall be reviewed every four years or earlier if required by legislation, Council resolution or recommendation of the General Manager. If the policy is not reviewed within this timeframe, it remains active until such time as it is reviewed or revoked by Council.

This policy comes into effect on 28/08/2019.

Signed by General Manager:

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R S (Ron) van Katwijk

Date Approved:

28/08/2019

## POLICY

### 1 POLICY SCOPE

- 1.1 This Policy applies to the keeping of animals in urban areas that requires consideration by owners of the impact of animals, particularly noise and odour to neighbours.

### 2 POLICY STATEMENT

- 2.1 Animals must be kept in a manner which does not:

- create unclean or unhealthy conditions for people or animals;
- attract or provide harborage for vermin;
- create offensive odour or noise;
- create waste disposal or pollution problems;
- create unreasonable annoyance to neighbouring residents;
- cause nuisance due to proliferation of flies, lice, fleas or other pests or parasites; and
- cause neighbours to fear for safety.

### 3 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 Council recommends that the number of animals kept at an urban property to be limited to the following:

- 2 dogs
- 2 cats
- 15 poultry – includes chickens and ducks (roosters are not recommended)

- 3.2 Council does not recommend the keeping of the following animals in the defined town or village boundaries:

- geese

- 3.3 Special circumstances may exist and particularly in relation to horses, cattle, sheep and goats provided that the area of land is sufficient and adequate buffer exists from adjoining residential properties and there is no impact on the amenity of the locality.

All animals must be kept at least 9 metres away from **ANY** habitable dwelling, public hall, school, or any premises used for the manufacture, preparation, storage or sale of food.

### 4 PROHIBITED

- 4.1 Council does not allow the keeping of the following animals in the defined town or village boundaries:

- pigs

**NB:** Swine (pigs) are not to be kept within 60 metres (or such greater distance as the Council may determine in a particular case) of a dwelling, shop, office, factory, church or other place of public worship, workshop, school or public place in a city, town, village, or other urban part of an area.

## 5 COMPLAINTS

If Council receives complaints, and upon investigation they are determined to be legitimate, the keeping of animals will be assessed against this Policy and the relevant Acts to determine if a nuisance is being created and may take action to remedy the nuisance.